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OF
THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL COUNCIL
OF THE
Protestant Episcopal Church,
IN THE
DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,
HELD IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY,

On the 5th, 6th and 7th of May, A. D. 1864.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, ALA., }
Ascension Day, May 5th, 1864. }

This day being appointed for the meeting of the Thirty-third Annual Council of the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. John's Church, in Montgomery. Divine service commenced at 10 o'clock, A. M. Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. R. A. COBBS, R. H. COBBS and J. F. SMITH; and the ante-Communion Service by the Bishop; the Gospel and Epistle, by Rev. DR. SANSOM. The Sermon was preached by Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., from the 12th chapter of the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, 12th verse:

"For, as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body being many, are one body, so also, is Christ."

After the Sermon, the Rev. J. M. MITCHELL and Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, read the Communion Service. The Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted in the distribution of the elements by the Rev. Messrs. J. M. MITCHELL, R. A. COBBS, J. F. SMITH, R. H. COBBS and Dr. SANSOM.

After the Benediction, the congregation was dismissed, and the Deputies assembled in St. John's (old Parish) Church.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop called the Council to order, and presented a list of the Clergy entitled to seats.

The names being called, the following Clergy responded:

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.	Rev. JOHN W BECKWITH,
Rev. T. J. BEARD,	" R. H. COBBS,
" R. A. COBBS,	" A. F. DOBB,
" G. F. CUSHMAN, D. D.	" F. R. HANSON,
" J. Y. GHOLSON,	" F. B. LEE,
" J. S. JARRATT,	" A. MENÆOS,
" EDWARD MCCLURE,	" R. D. NEVIUS,
" J. M. MITCHELL,	" W. J. PERDUE,
" J. J. NICHOLSON,	" HENRY SANSOM, D. D.
" H. N. PIERCE, D. D.	" J. F. SMITH,
" J. A. SHEPHERD,	" J. H. TICKNOR,
" W. A. STICKNEY,	" J. C. WADDILL.

The Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER presented a list of the Clergy *canonically* resident in the Diocese, as required by Canon VI.

Rt. Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D., Greensboro'.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

" T. J. BEARD, St. James' Church, Eufaula.

“ JNO. W BECKWITH, Trinity Church, Demopolis.

“ W. M. BINET, Chaplain C. S. A., Mobile.

“ W. D. CHRISTIAN, (Deacon) Canebrake Mission, Faunsdale.

" R. A. COBBS, Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

" R. H. COBBS, St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'

Thos. A. Cook, Talladega.

“ GEO. F. CUSHMAN, D. D., St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

" A. F. DOBB, St. Alban's Church, Gainesville.

" J. Y. GHOLSON, St. Michael's Church, Faunsdale Station.

J. B. GRAY, temporarily in Maryland.

" F. R. HANSON, St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

" J. S. JARRATT, Missionary in Butler and Montgomery counties, Montgomery.

“ F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church, Carlisle.

EDWARD McCLURE, St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

" J. A. MASSEY, Trinity Church, Mobile.

A. D. McCoy, St. James' Church, Livingston.

“ A. MENEOS, St. John's in the Prairies, Greensboro' ”

JNO. M. MITCHELL, St. John's Church, Montgomery.

R. D. NEVIUS, Christ Church, Tuscaloosa.

“ J. J. NICHOLSON, Post Chaplain C. S. A. and Miss'y, Talladega.

S. F. PHILLIPS, Savannah, Ga.

“ W. J. PERDUE, St. Mary's Church, Camden.

H. N. PIERCE, D. D., St. John's Church, Mobile.

“ J. B. RAMSDELL.

“ J. M. ROBERTSON, St. John's, Madison County, Huntsville.

HENRY SANSOM, D. D., Christ Church, Mobile.

" S. U. SMITH, { St. Mark's, Fork of Greene, } Eutaw.
 { St. Stephen's, Eutaw. }

" J. F. SMITH, { St. Matthew's, Autaugaville, }
 { St. Paul's, Lowndesboro'. } Lowndesboro'.

“ J. B. T. SMITH, Florence.

“ J. A. SHEPHERD, Reetor of Hamner Hall, Montgomery.

" W. A. STICKNEY, Canebrake Mission, Faunsdale Station.

" J. H. TICKNOR, St. Paul's Church, Selma.

" JNO. H. TILLINGHAST, Deacon, assisting at Trinity Church, Mobile.

“ J. C. WADDILL, Assistant Rector, St. James's Church, Livingston.

List of Clergy officiating in Diocese of Alabama, not transferred:

Rev. C. S. HEDGES, D. D., of Louisiana, Emanuel Church, Opelika.

J. J. Scott, D. D., of Florida, officiating in Montgomery.

The list of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election were

presented and referred to a Committee upon Certificates of Election, consisting of Revs. R. A. COBBS, R. D. NEVIUS and J. C. WADDILL, who reported as follows:

The Committee upon Certificates of Election, having examined the same, report the following in due form, and the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats : R. A. COBBS, Chm'n.

Christ Church, Mobile.—Thomas W. McCoy, Henry Farrow, Daniel Fitler, George A. Tuthill, Geo. Cleveland.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.—R. B. Waller, A. S. Jeffries, C. L. Stickney, A. Stollenworck, A. Benners.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.—F. S. Lyon, W. W. Reese, Daniel F. Prout.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.—Charles T. Pollard, Jno. D. Phelan, Thomas B. Taylor, P. T. Sayre, A. R. Bell.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.—L. N. Walthall, Powhatan Lockett, J. S. Seawell, Geo. W. Jones, David Lockhart.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.—A. G. Mabry, N. H. R. Dawson, J. Morgan, R. N. Philpot.

St. James's Church, Livingston.—S. W. Murley, Thomas Cobbs, L. F. Whitehead.

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.—E. M. Perine, M. M. Troy, Thomas M. Matthews, J. Bausman Duke.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.—David Minge, J. W. Dubose, R. H. Adams, G. W. H. Minge, K. C. Dubose.

St. John's Church, Mobile.—W. T. Walthall, R. M. Livingston, Jas. Bond, Henry A. Stickney, Aaron P. Cleveland.

St. Paul's Church, Carlisle.—H. L. Allison, Benj. Reynolds, J. M. Lee, J. B. Lee.

St. David's Church, Dallas County.—A. W. Ellerbe.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.—W. P. Boccock, J. H. Dubose, H. A. Tayloe.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.—J. L. Price, Rob't Christian, Edwin Shield, W. H. Tayloe, J. M. Langhorne.

Trinity Church, Mobile.—W. G. Jones, Geo. F. Boone, G. Jordan, B. A. Whitaker, S. W. Cayce.

St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville.—W. R. R. Wyatt, L. M. Whetstone.

Their names being called, the following Lay Deputies were found to be in attendance :

MESSRS. GEO. CLEVELAND,
POLLARD,
PHELAN,

MESSRS. ELLERBE,
BOCOCK,
H. A. TAYLOE

MESSRS. TAYLOR,
 SAYRE,
 A. R. BELL,
 GEO. W. JONES,
 MURLEY,

MESSRS. SHIELD,
 BOONE,
 JORDAN,
 WHITAKER,
 BOND,

A. P. CLEVELAND.

A constitutional quorum being present, the President declared the Council duly organized.

The Council then proceeded to the appointment of a Secretary. HENRY A. TAYLOR was nominated and unanimously appointed Secretary.

An application was made to receive the Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery, into union with the Council.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May, 1864.

We, whose names are herenunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name, style and title of the *Church of the Holy Comforter*, city and county of Montgomery, State of Alabama, and by so doing, adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Confederate States of America.

SAMUEL G. JONES,
 N. D. SPOTSWOOD,
 A. R. BAKER,
 J. W. SHEPHERD.

Agreeably to Canon XI., 1850, we certify to the Council of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Church of the Holy Comforter.

SAM'L G. JONES.

A. R. BAKER, *Secretary*.

On motion, *Resolved, unanimously*, That the Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery, be admitted into union with this Council.

Whereupon, a certificate of election of Lay Deputies was presented, and referred to the Committee on Certificates of Election.

The Committee on Certificates of Election, reported the same to be in due form, and the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats :

SAMUEL G. JONES, N. D. SPOTSWOOD and J. W. SHEPHERD.

Their names being called, S. G. JONES, N. D. SPOTSWOOD and J. W. SHEPHERD, answered thereto.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order of the last Council be adopted.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be present, and not entitled to seats in the Council, and Candidates for Orders, be invited to seats in the Council, and report their names to the Secretary.

On motion, A. W. ELLERBE was elected Treasurer *pro tem*.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees :

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. Sansom, D. D., Hanson, Perdue, W. A. Stickney and Jarratt.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. Messrs. Cushman, D. D., H. N. Pierce, D. D., and J. Y. Gholson, of the Clergy ; of the Laity, Messrs. Phelan, Bocock and Murley.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. Ellerbe, Geo. Cleveland, Pollard, Jordan, S. G. Jones, Shield, Whitaker, Boone and H. A. Tayloe.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. Messrs. Mitchell, Nevius, and Ticknor.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, made the following report :

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alabama, respectfully report, that since the Council of 1863, they have signed testimonials in favor of Mr. FOSTER ELY, late a Minister of the Methodist Denomination, recommending him to the Bishop to be received as a Candidate for Holy Orders ; and of Messrs. E. G. H. NICHOLSON and FOSTER ELY, Candidates for Orders, recommending them to the Bishop to be admitted to Deacon's Orders.

R. A. COBBS, Secretary.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the 6th Section of Rule of Order V, be suspended.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to postpone the reading of his Annual Address until 11 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

On motion the Council adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

ST. JOHN'S (OLD PARISH) CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, {
Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. After Prayer by the President, the Roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Messrs. H. STICKNEY and W. R. R. WYATT, appeared in Council.

Certificates of Election were presented and referred to the Committee on Certificates of Election.

The Committee on Certificates examined the same and reported them in due form, and the following Deputies entitled to seats :

St Mary's Church, Camden.—H. E. Curtis, R. H. Dawson, W. G. Fail.

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.—R. P. McCord.

The Chairman of the Committee on Canons, asked leave to sit during the Session of the Convention. Leave granted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to dispense with

the reading of the Parochial Reports, and that they be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Council then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese by ballot. Rev. Messrs. DOBB and TILLINGHAST appointed tellers.

The ballots were counted, and the following Deputies, having a majority of the votes cast, were declared duly elected members of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year :

Rev. Messrs. SANSOM, D. D., PIERCE, D. D., and MASSEY of the Clergy ; and Messrs. SCHROEDER, WHITAKER and HAMMOND, of the Laity.

The President presented the account of THOS. W. MCCOY, Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THOMAS W. MCCOY, *Treasurer*,

In account with Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama.

1863.		DR.	
May	4.—To Balance per report to Council.....	\$1,337	07
May	15.—To Cash received from Rev. R. A. Cobbs, viz : contribution Church of Holy Cross, Uniontown, \$45 35, do. St. David's, Dallas, short 19th Sept. \$10 00.....	55	35
May	18.—To Cash of Rev. J. Y. Gholson, St. Michael's, Marengo.....	120	00
Aug.	10.—To Cash of H. A. Tayloe, Esq., from St. Andrew's, Macon.....	61	50
Sept'r	3.—To Cash of Rev. R. D. Nevius, St. John's, Elyton.....	100	00
Sept'r	5.—To Cash of Rev. J. J. Nicholson, Chaplain, Talladega.....	30	00
Oct'r.	14.—To Cash of Rev. R. A. Cobbs, viz: from Church Holy Cross, Uniontown,.....\$93 00 St. David's, Dallas County...18 00	111	00
Dec'r	30.—To Cash of Rev. J. M. Mitchell, St. John's, 1864, Montgomery.....	500	00
Jan'y	29.—To Cash of Rev. H. Sansom, D. D., Christ Church, Mobile.....	2,000	00
Feb'y	24.—To Cash of Rev. J. Y. Gholson, St. Michael's, Marengo.....	75	00
March	16.—To Cash of Rev. J. A. Massey, Trinity Church, Mobile.....	630	00
March	22.—To Cash of Rev. H. N. Pierce, D. D., St. John's Church, Mobile.....	366	85
1863		CR.	
Aug.	27.—By Cash paid Bishop Wilmer's order of 8th of Aug., in favor Rev. C. S. Hedges....	\$200.00	
Sept'r	4.—By Cash paid Bishop's order, 17th August, in favor of Rev. G. H. Hunt.....	100 00	
Amount carried forward,		\$5,386 77	\$300 00

Amount brought forward,....	\$5,386 77	\$500 00
Sept'r 5.—By Cash paid Bishop's order of 17th August, in favor of Rev. J. J. Nicholson,.....		100 00
Oct'r 23.—By Cash paid Bishop's order of 8th Sept'r in 1864. favor of Rev. C. S. Hedges,.....		100 00
Feb'y 5.—By Cash paid Bishop's order, 28th Jan., in favor of Rev. J. J. Nicholson,.....		100 00
Feb'y 19.—By Cash paid Bishop's order, 28th Jan., in favor of Rev. W. J. Perdue,.....		100 00
Feb'y 22.—By Cash paid Bishop's order, 16th Feb., in favor of Rev. J. S. Jarratt,.....		200 00
March 16.—By Cash paid Bishop's order, 16th March, in favor of Rev. G. W. Stickney,.....		200 00
April 29.—By Cash paid Bishop's order, 19th April, in favor of Rev. G. W. Stickney, \$200 00		
Adding difference in currency 100 00		300 00
May 6.—By balance down, <i>old Currency on hand</i> ,...		3,986 77
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	\$5,386 77	\$5,386 77
1864.		
May 6.—To balance on hand, in old Currency,.....	\$3,986 77	

THOMAS W. McCOY, Treasurer.

E. E.—Mobile, May 6th, 1864.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the election of Deputies to the General Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, be postponed until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

The Chairman of the Committee on Canons, made the following report:

The Committee on Canons report the following amendments, and recommend their adoption:

That Section 1, of Canon I, Title III, be stricken out, and the following be substituted for it:

HOW CONSTITUTED.

Section 1. Whenever, according to the provisions of Sect. 2, of this Canon, an investigation into the character and conduct of a Clergyman shall be required, it shall be duty of the Bishop to appoint three Clergymen to act as a Board of Preliminary Inquiry.

That in Section 4, the sentence beginning "In case of vacancy," be stricken out.

That, in Canon II, of the same Title, the word "eleven," be substituted for "three," in Section 2.

That, in the same Section, after the words "Canon 1," the following clause be inserted:

THE COURT—HOW CONSTITUTED.

The Bishop shall transmit to the accused a list of the members composing the Ecclesiastical Court, from which list the accused shall strike off five names, whereupon the Bishop shall strike off from the same list three other names, and the remaining members shall constitute the Court for the trial of the accused on the presentment made. But, if the accused shall refuse to strike off the five names, as above provided, then the Bishop, himself, shall strike off eight names, and the number so remaining, shall constitute said Court. The Court being thus constituted,

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Chairman.

On motion, the Report was received, and the amendments unanimously concurred in.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report :

The Committee on Unfinished Business, respectfully report, that they find in the Journal of the last Council of the Diocese, the following resolutions requiring the action of this Council, to-wit:

On page 80.—“*Resolved*, That the Constitution, as approved, be referred to the consideration of the next Council.”

On page 81.—“*Resolved*, That the consideration of the proposed amendment to Canon III., be postponed till the next meeting of this Council.”

The proposed amendment referred to in said Resolution, is as follows;

“*Resolved*, That the 1st Section of Canon III., (now Section 2, of Canon I,) be amended by striking out the word “Parishioners,” and substituting the word “Communicants.”

The Committee report also, that they find in the Journal of the General Council, the attention of the several Diocesan Councils called to the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the General Council, found on page 89, of the Journal of the House of Deputies:

“*Resolved*, The House of Bishops concurring, that Article V. of the Constitution of this Church be amended by striking out all after the words “Article V.,” and inserting the following :

“Every Diocesan Council shall be composed of the Bishop or Bishops of the Diocese, and of such other Clergymen and such Lay representatives as shall be determined by the Constitution thereof.”

JNO. M. MITCHELL, Chairman.

On motion, the Council proceeded to the consideration of the Report.

On motion, *Unanimously Resolved*, That the Constitution, as approved by the last Council, be approved, and the Constitution adopted.

The Council proceeded to the consideration of the proposed amendment to Section 1, Canon III., now Section 2, Canon I.

The hour for the Special Order having arrived, the Bishop read his Annual Address.

ANNUAL ADDRESS

of Bishop Wilmer to the Council of the Diocese of Alabama,

May 5, 1864.

May 7, 1863.—I attended the Session of the Diocesan Council of Alabama, in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and after the opening sermon, by the Rev. W. A. STICKNER, I administered the Holy Communion. This, and the two following days, were spent in attendance upon the sessions of the Council.

May 10th.—After a sermon, by the Rev. J. M. BANISTER, I confirmed two persons in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

May 17th.—Sunday after Ascension.—I preached in Church of Nativity, Huntsville, morning and afternoon.

May 18th.—Preached again in same Church and confirmed seven persons. Also, catechised the children of the Parish in the afternoon.

May 19th.—Preached again in same Church and confirmed five persons.

May 20th.—Preached at “St. John's, in the Wilderness.”

The occupation of the extreme northern section of the State by hostile forces, prevented me from visiting Florence, Tuscumbia, and other points.

June 3d.—I confirmed two persons in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

June 7th.—1st Sunday after Trinity.—I preached in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and administered the Holy Communion. At night, preached in same Church and confirmed five persons. -

From this time until October, I was in the State of Virginia, officiating in the pulpit as I had opportunity and ability. I do not deem it necessary to make any report of my labors during my absence from Alabama.

July 1st.—I received the Rev. JOHN W. BECKWITH into the Diocese of Alabama by letters dimissory from the Bishop of Mississippi.

July 31st.—Received from the Standing Committee, testimonials, recommending FOSTER ELY to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders. He was received accordingly.

Aug 31.—Received from the Standing Committee the testimonials of E. G. H. NICHOLSON, recommending him to be admitted to Deacon's Orders.

September 7.—Received the Rev. EDWARD McCLEURE into the Diocese of Alabama by letters dimissory from the Bishop of Mississippi.

October 15th.—I preached in Trinity Church, Auburn, and confirmed one person. On same day, I licensed FOSTER ELY to officiate as lay-reader in the army.

October 17th.—Preached in Emanuel Church, Opelika, and confirmed two persons. The Rev. Dr. HEDGES, of New Orleans, officiates at this and sundry other points on the Montgomery and West Point Railroad.

October 18th.—20th Sunday after Trinity.—I preached at Snowden, near Montgomery, and administered the Holy Communion. At night, I confirmed a servant of the Rev. Mr. JARRATT.

October 19th.—I baptised a sick soldier in the Hospital at Greenville.

October 20th.—Preached in Greenville and confirmed six persons, one of whom was a negro. Four of the candidates were presented by the Rev. Dr. SCOTT, of Christ Church, Pensacola.

October 21st.—I preached in Prattville and confirmed one person.

October 22d.—I preached in St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville.

October 23d.—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro', and confirmed four persons, two of whom were negroes.

October 25.—21st Sunday after Trinity.—I preached in St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, and confirmed two persons. I also administered the Holy Communion.

October 28th.—At Mt. Meigs, I joined together in holy matrimony, WILLIAM T. CHARLES and FLORENCE BURCH.

November 1st.—All Saints Day.—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and administered the Holy Communion.

November 4th.—I transferred the Rev. J. B. AVIRETT, Deacon, with letters dimissory, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Virginia.

November 8th.—23d Sunday after Trinity.—I preached morning and afternoon in St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, and confirmed two persons.

November 9th.—I preached again in the same Church, and confirmed one person.

November 10th.—I preached in St. Alban's, Gainesville, and administered the Holy Communion.

November 11th.—I preached in St. Mark's Church, Fork of Gréene, and confirmed three persons.

November 13th.—I preached in St. James' Church, Livingston, morning and afternoon, and confirmed four persons. Also, baptised the infant-daughter of the Rev. J. C. WADDILL. At night I held a special service, and confirmed one person. The Rev. A. D. McCoy, late of New Orleans, officiates at St. James', and at other points, as opportunity offers.

November 15th.—24th Sunday after Trinity.—I preached in Trinity Church, Demopolis, and confirmed six persons.

November 20th.—I preached at the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, and consecrated the building to the service of Almighty God. I also confirmed five persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

November 21st.—I preached in St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, and confirmed two persons, one of whom was a negro.

November 22.—I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Macon, and confirmed two persons.

November 29th.—1st Sunday in Advent.—I preached in Newbern.

December 6th.—2d Sunday in Advent.—I officiated in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and, after a Sermon by the Rector, I confirmed seventeen persons, two of whom were presented for confirmation by the Rev. Dr. Scott, of Christ Church, Pensacola. Two of the candidates were negroes.

Dec. 10th.—I preached on this and the following day, in Clayton, the county-seat of Barbour, and celebrated the Holy Communion. The Rev. T. J. BEARD officiates here once a month. The congregations were large and attentive.

December 13th.—3d Sunday in Advent.—I preached in St. James' Church, Eufaula, confirmed four persons, and administered the Holy Communion. I also confirmed a sick person in private, and administered the Holy Communion to sick persons on two occasions.

December 15th.—I preached in Christ Church, Columbus, Georgia. I had an appointment for the day following at Crawford, but received information at Columbus that the prevalence of an epidemic would render my visit unavailing. Much to my regret, I was compelled to postpone my visit to another time. The Rev. W. N. HAWKS, of Columbus, Ga., officiates in Crawford occasionally, and reports to me that he has baptised there two adults and five infants; and that there are in the place ten Communicants, and six candidates for Confirmation. I hope that we may soon have stated services at this and other points in the eastern section of the Diocese.

Dec. 18th.—I received the Rev. J. H. TILLINGHAST, Deacon, into the Diocese of Alabama, with Letters Dimissory from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of North Carolina, and assigned him to duty as Assistant to the Rev. J. A. MASSEY, of Trinity Church, Mobile.

Dec. 20th (4th Sunday in Advent.)—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

Dec. 21st.—I baptised, in Eutaw, the infant daughter of EDWARD F. and ANN CAMPBELL, of Georgia.

Dec. 22d.—At Gainesville, I joined together in Holy Matrimony, Major THOMAS K. JACKSON and LUCY B. REAVIS.

Dec. 23d.—I preached in St. Alban's Church, Gainesville, and confirmed seven persons.

Dec. 25th, (Christmas Day.)—I preached in St. Paul's, Greensboro', and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

1864.—Jan'y 3d, (2d Sunday after Christmas.)—I participated in the services at St. Paul's, Greensboro', and catechised the children of the congregation.

Jan'y 5th.—I licensed E. G. H. NICHOLSON to act as Lay Reader in the Army.

Jan'y 10th, (1st Sunday after Epiphany.)—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

Jan'y 17th, (2d Sunday after Epiphany.)—I preached in St. Wilfrid's, Marion, confirmed four persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

Jan'y 18th.—I failed to reach an appointment at Harpersville, because of the detention of the Cars.

Jan'y 20th.—I preached in Talladega, and confirmed two persons. I preached in the same place on the following day and confirmed one person. The Rev. J. J. NICHOLSON conducts regular services at this point, in connection with his duties as Chaplain of the Post.

Jan'y 21st.—I preached in St. Luke's, Jacksonville, confirmed one person and celebrated the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, I catechised the children of the Parish. This Church is, I regret to say, still without pastoral care. Mr. NICHOLSON occasionally visits the place, and renders such service as his other engagements permit.

Jan'y 24th, (Septuagesima Sunday.)—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Selma, catechised the children, and confirmed nineteen persons. In the afternoon, I confirmed a sick person in private. At night I preached again in same Church. On the following day I preached again.

Jan'y 31st, (Sexagesima Sunday.)—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and confirmed six persons. In the afternoon, at the same Church, after a sermon by the Rector, I confirmed one negro.

Feb'y 7th, (Quinquagesima Sunday.)—I preached in St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, confirmed one person, and administered the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon, I preached in the same Church.

Feb'y 14th, (1st Sunday in Lent.)—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and confirmed two persons.

Feb'y 21st, (2d Sunday in Lent.)—I preached in Trinity Church, Demopolis, and confirmed five persons. In the afternoon, I preached in the same Church, and confirmed six persons.

Feb'y 24.—I preached in St. Paul's, Greensboro', and confirmed two persons.

Feb'y 28th, (3d Sunday in Lent.)—I preached in Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, and confirmed two persons. In the afternoon I preached to the Cadets of the University of Alabama. I remained in Tuskaloosa for some days, preaching daily. At the request of the Rector, I baptised four adults; I also confirmed a sick person in private, and 8 persons in addition, during my stay.

March 6th, (4th Sunday in Lent.)—I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Macon. In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in Trinity Church, Demopolis, and confirmed two persons.

March 15th, (5th Sunday in Lent.)—I preached in Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed twenty-three persons. In the afternoon of the same day, after a sermon by the Rev. J. W. ROGERS, I addressed the congregation of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and confirmed three negroes.

March 16th.—Confirmed a sick person in private, belonging to Christ Church, Mobile. In the afternoon, I confirmed a sick person belonging to Trinity Church, Mobile. At night, preached in Christ Church.

March 18th.—I preached in Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed eight persons.

March 20th, (Sunday next before Easter.)—I preached in Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed twelve persons. In the afternoon, I preached in St. John's Church, and confirmed thirty-one persons.

March 21st.—At night, I preached in Trinity Church, Mobile.

March 27th, (Easter Day.)—I preached in St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', confirmed three persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

April 3d, (1st Sunday after Easter.)—I preached in "St. John's in the Prairies," celebrated the Holy Communion, and confirmed two persons, one of whom was a negro. One of the candidates was presented for confirmation by the Rev. J. Y. GHOLSON.

April 8th.—I preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown. This was the day recommended to be observed as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, by the Civil Authorities of the Confederate States.

April 9th.—I preached at Dayton, Marengo County, confirmed one person, and also baptised two infants. There is at this point no Parish organization and no consecrated house of worship. There is, however, a little band of devoted Church members, who have established a Sunday School, and who purpose at some more propitious time, to erect a Church. The Rev. Messrs. W. A. STICKNEY and J. Y. GHOLSON officiate here alternately upon week days, and find much to encourage them. It would be well if the Clergy, generally, availed themselves of every opportunity, during the week, to hold stated services in the destitute places around them.

April 10.—I preached in St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, and confirmed six negroes. Upon every visitation of this Parish, I have had the privilege to confirm some of this large and interesting class of our population. The Rector of St. Michael's has given much attention to this department of his duty, by officiating regularly on Sunday afternoons at the neighboring plantations, and his labors are yielding their promised rewards. The Rev. Mr. MENZES, Rector of "St. John's in the Prairies," is similarly engaged, with encouraging success.

On the afternoon of April 10th, I preached in "Faunsdale Chapel," and confirmed twenty negroes. This Chapel constitutes one of the missionary points under the pastoral care of the Rev. WM. A. STICKNEY. I could but think, as I beheld this beautiful House of Worship crowded with an attentive congregation, and witnessed their devout and reverential demeanor, and looked upon the throng around the Chancel, how little they comprehended the mission of the Church, who doubted of the adaptation of her ritual to the necessities of this ignorant and much neglected race. This Chapel, with its band of earnest worshippers, is the fruit of much prayer and labor. May the day soon dawn when all the children of Africa shall wor-

ship God in the Prayer of our Blessed Lord; shall rehearse their faith in the Primitive Creeds; and shall be trained to walk in the ways of God's laws and in the works of His commandments. The prevailing religious systems may, and doubtless do, appeal more directly to the emotions of the black; and in this way they gratify his tastes, for the heart craves excitement rather than a knowledge of the truth; but that is the true system for all men, which supplies them with what they need, rather than with what they like. "Let us not be weary in well doing;" we are in the line of duty—a better day may dawn—and, "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

April 17, (3d Sunday after Easter.)—I preached at one of the plantations in the Canebrake under the pastoral care of Rev. W. A. STICKNEY.

April 20th.—Received the Rev. A. D. MCCOY into the Diocese of Alabama, with Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Louisiana.

April 22d.—Preached in St. David's Church, Dallas County. This Church is under the pastoral care of the Rev. R. A. COBBS, who officiates here once a fortnight.

Received Testimonials from the Standing Committee, recommending FOSTER ELY for Deacon's Orders.

April 24th, (4th Sunday after Easter.)—Preached in St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, morning and afternoon, and confirmed four persons.

April 26th.—Preached in St. Paul's, Carlowville, and confirmed four persons.

April 27th.—Preached at County Line, Dallas County.

April 29th.—Preached in St. Mary's Church, Camden, baptised a child, at the request of the Rector, and confirmed fourteen persons, two of whom were negroes. After service, confirmed a sick person in private.

May 1st, (5th Sunday after Easter.)—Preached in St. John's, Montgomery, confirmed twenty-six persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion. In the afternoon of same day, preached to the congregation under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D., and confirmed three persons. This new enterprise was undertaken, at my instance, by the Rev. Dr. SCOTT; a building has been purchased and fitted up for worship; and Divine Service is regularly celebrated. We wish Godspeed to the undertaking, and would fain see similar efforts made in all our cities. I understand that Articles of Association have been signed, and that application will be made to the present Council for admission into the Diocese, under the style of "The Church of the Holy Comforter."

May 2d.—In St. John's Church, Montgomery, I baptised a child.

May 3d.—I preached at Greenville in the morning, and confirmed nine persons. At night, I preached again, and confirmed one person. The Church at this place is under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. JARRATT, whose labors, under many adverse circumstances, give promise, at last, of being crowned with encouraging success. I trust that, at no distant day, a parish will be regularly organized in Greenville, and that the Church edifice now occupied will be soon completed and consecrated.

May 4.—I visited the Orphan's Home, in Montgomery. This institution is under the pastoral care of the Rector of St. John's Church. I hope that similar institutions will soon be established at many points throughout the Diocese; and that the present Council will take into consideration the whole subject of the relation of the Church to the Orphans in our land.

The following is a summary of my official acts during the year past, viz: Confirmations, white 293, black 39; (confirmed by Bishop GREEN at Demopolis, 5;) Total, 337. Marriages, 2. Baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 5; total, 10. Churches consecrated, 1. Candidates for Holy Orders received, 1. Lay Readers licensed, 2.

The Clerical changes have been as follows:

The Rev. J. B. AVIRETT, Deacon has been transferred to the Diocese of Virginia.

The Rev. JOHN W. BECKWITH has been received into the Diocese of Alabama from the Diocese of Mississippi.

The Rev. EDWARD McCLURE has been received into this Diocese from the Diocese of Mississippi.

The Rev. JOHN H. TILLINGHAST, Deacon, has been received from the Diocese of North Carolina.

The Rev. A. D. MCCOY has been received from the Diocese of Louisiana.

The Rev. C. S. HEDGES, D. D., of the Diocese of Louisiana, is officiating, with my consent, at Opelika, Auburn, Tallassee and Cross Keys.

The Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D., of the Diocese of Florida, is engaged, at my instance, in building up a new congregation in Montgomery.

The Rev. WM. BINET is officiating as a Chaplain of the Army in Mobile.

The Rev. G. F. CUSHMAN, D. D., has resumed his former connection with St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, and is also officiating regularly at County Line, Dallas County.

The Rev. J. C. WADDILL has moved to Livingston, and has taken charge of a flourishing School in that place.

The Rev. S. U. SMITH is officiating, by my request, at St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, in connection with his labors as Rector of St. Mark's, Fork of Greene.

The Candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocese, are as follows: C. A. BRADFORD, C. ASHER CLARKSON, F. E. DUGGER, R. C. STOCKTON, E. G. H. NICHOLSON, WM. M. PETTIS, and FOSTER ELY. The candidateship of S. W. ROBERTS has ceased.

The foregoing record of my labors for the last year shows a larger number of confirmations than has ever been reported to a Council of the Diocese of Alabama. This is due, in some part, to the presence, in our midst, of many exiles from the invaded States. Alabama has been, in a great measure, happily exempted from hostile occupation. In many instances her Churches have felt the fostering care of the Clergy exiled from other Dioceses. How earnestly should we endeavor to show our thankfulness to Almighty God, by sharing the blessings still vouchsafed to us with those who are seeking shelter and sympathy at our doors; remembering that the days of calamity are the providential occasions for the cultivation and manifestation of the "most excellent gift of charity."

In this connection, I would call the attention of the Council to the consideration of the duty of the Church to the Army. The religious condition of our soldiers is a matter of deep interest to the Church, and particularly at this time. The record of confirmations will show an unusual proportion of young men confirmed, and, for the most part, while at home on furlough. It would thus appear that they who are called upon to endure the greatest privations, and who are discharging their earthly duty most thoroughly, are also receiving the most striking manifestations of the Divine favor. So true is it, that fidelity in earthly relations will be most surely rewarded by the bestowal of the true riches

It has been a source of deep regret to me that the Diocese of Alabama has been in a situation to effect so little in the way of ministering directly to the religious necessities of the soldiers in the field. We have no supernumerary Clergy in the Diocese, and it is reasonable to presume that the Clergy who are likely to do good in the Army are they who are most efficient at home. It requires peculiar aptitude on the part of the Clergy, to labor successfully among young men, and the few who are best fitted for such a work could not be spared, without serious detriment to the interests of the Church at home. It has been very earnestly urged, upon the part of some persons, that the religious interests of our young men in the Army were of paramount concern, and that it were better to close our Churches during the war than they should be without religious instruction. I am not prepared to accept this conclusion. I have never felt myself at liberty, except in one instance, to advise a Clergyman, who was fully and successfully engaged in parochial work, to abandon his position for one in the Army. We must have regard not only to the immediate wants of individuals, but also to the future and permanent interests of society, in connection with the maintenance of Church worship.

It has been, again, suggested that, with the view of providing for all concerned, the Clergy should occasionally close their Churches, and visit the Army in rotation. This might be done in individual instances with good effect; but I should doubt its practicability or utility as a general rule.

I have dwelt upon this whole subject with much solicitude, and am unable to suggest any practical solution of the difficulty. The great want, at last, is a sufficient number of suitable men in the ministry. In the meantime, I have been endeavoring to increase the supply of Tracts, Prayer Books, and other devotional works, by contributing to that object from the mission funds under my control. The report of our Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, which I called for in Mobile, showed a considerable amount on hand. I immediately determined, after consultation with some of the Clergy and Laity, to devote all of the fund, above that which was necessary to meet outstanding appropriations, to the supply of the Army with suitable books and tracts, and to establish depositories for that purpose at convenient points within the Diocese. I also appointed an Agent to visit our large cities, with the view of ascertaining what books could be obtained, and at what cost tracts could be published, if it were found practicable to extend our efforts in that direction.

To carry out this work upon a a scale-commensurate with its importance, and with the needs of the Army and people, would require a much larger fund than that which is placed at my disposal. I am satisfied, however, that the members of the Church will respond liberally to any call which we may make upon them.

I would report, in this connection, that I have collected at my visitations, besides the amount sent to the Treasurer of the missionary fund by the Rectors of the city Churches, \$6,216 35. The larger part of this sum has been distributed to the Clergy in feeble parishes, as I found that they had need; a part has been expended in the publication of books for the Army, and a part, say \$1000 (of the old issue) still remains on hand. The Treasurer's report will show that he has in his hands the sum of \$3,986 77 (of the old issue.) It is very gratifying to me to be able to report the missionary fund in such a promising condition. It is true that the money is great-

ly depreciated in value, but it may be made available for the purpose above indicated.

I particularly recommend to the Council the appointment of a special committee, at an early day during its session, with the view of bringing this whole subject before us for deliberation and united effort.

I briefly refer to a subject which I brought to the notice of the Council two years ago, in regard to which there has been, and continues to be, some difference of opinion. I refer to the advice which I gave as to the course proper to be pursued by the Clergy, in the event of portions of the country being temporarily occupied by the forces of the enemy. I then recommended that we should close our churches, rather than consent to worship according to military dictation. In reply to many inquiries which have reached me on this point, I take this opportunity to say, that I have seen no reason to modify the opinion then given, but, on the contrary, that time and experience have only tended to confirm my first impressions.

I have long entertained the opinion, and on suitable occasions have expressed it, that the regular and ordinary forms of public worship should be so entirely catholic in character, as to be adapted to all the exigencies of time, place and circumstance. It seems to me most undesirable and unnecessary, to say the least, that the Book of Common Prayer should undergo a revision and re-print upon the occurrence of every political revolution. The phraseology of the prayer for our Rulers, now in use, has given needless occasion of offence, even in times of high party excitement. The preface to the Book of Common Prayer declares, that, "in the prayers for our civil rulers, the principal care was, to make them conformable to what ought to be the proper end of all such prayers, namely, that Rulers may have grace, wisdom and understanding, to execute justice and to maintain truth, and that the people may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all Godliness and honesty"—a phraseology, in my judgment, at once ample, minute and catholic. If such a form of prayer were introduced into the service, it would always be appropriate, and we should be spared the necessity of changing our worship with every change in the political world around us. Should this Council entertain the same opinions with myself, it would be competent for us to instruct our delegates to the next General Council to propose and vote for such a change as I have proposed.

But, this is aside from my present purpose.—The General Council in the Confederate States has not concurred in the views here expressed, but has ordained the form now in use. The decision of that Council is the supreme law of this Church. To depart from the prescribed mode, at the behest of any civil or military power, is to acknowledge in the Church an authority superior to that of the Church itself. For this reason, and others mentioned in a former address, I cannot advise that the Clergy should ever make the unworthy concession.

The argument which is commonly urged, on the other part, namely, "that it is sad to see the people without the enjoyment of the public means of grace, for the sake of a trifling omission required," comes to my mind with no weight. For, in the first place, no omission can be deemed trifling, which carries with it the concession of a principle. The principle may involve a matter of secondary moment, but to surrender a principle can never be a matter of secondary importance.

And, besides, the argument is based upon a conception of the Supreme Being.

which I cannot but regard as derogatory to his name and character. If the argument urged has any force, it must derive it from the consideration, that man cannot obtain the needful grace and help from on high, without the intervention of public worship in the sanctuary. Ordinarily this is true: for, if we have access to the appointed means of grace, and fail to use them, we are liable to a forfeiture of the benefits to be reaped thereby. But, if we are providentially cut off from the ordinary means of grace, we are instructed that the compensations of the Divine Economy will supply all our needs. For example; we may be kept from the sanctuary by bodily indisposition, or, as in the present supposed case, by conscientious scruples;—the house of worship being under the control of an enemy who makes a sacrifice of principle the condition of our being permitted to occupy it. The latter obstruction seems to be more insurmountable than the former; for we might, perchance, overcome the former, by being carried upon couches within the precincts of the sanctuary; but we could not remove the latter without sacrificing a principle. In both cases, as I conceive of the Almighty, "He would have mercy and not sacrifice"—if not of bodily comfort, surely not of principle.

The disposition in a true man to assert the right, and to suffer all things rather than to compromise with wrong, is a reflection of the divine image in man; is of the essence of the religious principle, and, when done from religious motives, is of itself an act of worship and of allegiance to the Divine Majesty. Far better would it be for us, *to worship God with an uncorrupted fidelity* in private, if need be, in dens and caves of the earth, than to consent to assemble under duress, and at the dictation of a power which addresses itself alike to the subjugation of our souls and bodies, and assumes to take authority in the Church of God. Thus worshipped the primitive christians under heathen persecutions, and Anglican churchmen under puritanical domination.—During the last two years we have had abundant evidence, I think, to show that my counsel was not ill-timed. Much of our territory has been occupied by the enemy, and the question has been brought to a practical test. The Clergy of this Church have been peculiarly tried, because of the political and local character of the prayers to which I have before referred. In a great majority of instances, perhaps in every instance, they have attempted to continue the celebration of public service, by the omission of the prayer for those in authority. So far as my information extends, the concession on the part of the officiating minister, has been uniformly attended by one or other of the following results: Either violent and scandalous scenes have been enacted in the sanctuary, and ministers dragged from the altar and congregations dispersed at the point of the bayonet, as in Alexandria and New Orleans;—or, an officer has appeared in the Church to read the omitted petition, as in Arkansas;—or, as in other places, the omission has been followed by the subsequent use of the obnoxious petition, and "long life, health and prosperity," have been invoked upon those, who employ all these gifts of Providence for our utter destruction. A fearful mockery this is indeed; but when we once yield to usurpation, and sacrifice right to force, who shall assign limits to the gradual deterioration that must follow from the first wrong doing? God does not require this at our hands, and we may be well assured that, "He is not mocked," in the midst of all this mockery.

I said, at the outset of this address, that the existing condition of our country fur-

nishes a noble opportunity for the display of great virtues. It is also true that occasion is given for great temptations. I pass by the more obvious and notorious forms of temptation, which witnessed on all hands, force themselves upon our observation; only remarking that a day of trial is wont to bring rapidly to maturity the ruling passions of men, of whatsoever sort they may be. He that is unjust will be likely to be still more unjust, as the bonds which restrain men are to some extent relaxed; he that is making haste to be rich, will be apt to make more haste, as the time seems short, and unusual stimulus is applied; and he that is righteous and liberal will become more so, as suffering and want abound. Men live fast in times of revolution, and they come rapidly to a head, each bearing seed after his kind. War is a great teacher also. Peoples and individuals need to be taught by grievous temptations what is in their hearts; to be proved and humbled, and thus, if it may be, to be finally exalted. The Almighty is now teaching us by his *rod* what we failed to gather from his word. The whole moral of the lesson taught may be summed up in few words, "Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils." Would that we could add, in view of the marvellous light which experience has thrown upon His word, "Thy testimonies, O God, are wonderful; therefore doth my soul keep them."

But, not to enlarge upon this inexhaustible theme, I feel it to be my duty to call the attention of this Council to one special form of temptation, which may at any time present itself, and which, I am sorry to add, has proved too powerful for the faith and virtue of some of our people. I refer to the temptation to take false oaths, under the pressure of fear, or of greediness of gain.

It is not for me, in this presence, and acting in my official capacity, to touch upon any question of a purely political nature. It is not for me to say, to which of two warring governments a man should give his adhesion; nor to indicate, under what circumstances he may properly transfer his allegiance. There are other places and times for the adjustment of all questions of this character. It is, however, incumbent upon me to premonish the Clergy and Laity upon a great question of morals, and to urge them to take heed unto themselves, lest, through an unworthy timidity or an unholy greediness of gain, they make shipwreck of faith and a good conscience, and do dishonor to the name of the great God.

There has been no development made by this war which has excited in my mind such deep concern as the fact, that so many could be found recreant to truth in the hour of trial. We have long deplored the prevailing and increasing love of gain; we have been instructed by the divine word, that it was "the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows;" but little did we think that so many could have been found so faithless to the most sacred obligations of truth, as to declare, that they did "willingly," what they did reluctantly; that they acted "without reservation," when the reservation was entire; and that they could then call upon God to attest the truth of a declaration which they knew to be utterly a lie. I refer to these painful and humiliating facts, not to cast reproach upon those, many of whom, in view of all the circumstances of the case, claim our compassion, but rather by way of premonition to ourselves. Their position was a novel one; they had received no warning of the snare that was set for them; they were surprised and

yielded, by little and little, under a pressure wholly unforeseen and unprovided for. We are called upon, in view of all these considerations, and under the consciousness of a common frailty, to exercise the largest charity towards their fault; but we should bear in mind that these extenuating circumstances do not in the least affect the moral question involved, and that they may not be pleaded in abatement, should we now be tempted to commit, or justify the act.

There are many in our very midst, I am sorry to say, who are found to justify the taking of such oaths; who do not hesitate so say, that, in order to save life they would not hesitate to take the prescribed oath; and all experience teaches that they who will swear falsely, to save life, will not pause long to save property and position by similar means.

It is our bounden duty, as teachers of righteousness, to enter our solemn protest against all such faithlessness, in the spirit of that heavenly charity, which not only covers with the mantle of pity the weak and the erring, but, also, "rejoiceth not in iniquity," (Falsehood, the original imports,) "but rejoiceth in the truth." It matters not that these oaths are unlawfully enforced; that it is an unheard of abomination to force disloyalty upon citizens, while their government still maintains itself, thus crushing them between the upper and nether millstone; it matters not that these oaths are not binding upon the conscience, for the reason that man cannot be held obliged to consummate a crime. All these considerations are irrelevant to the main issue. And there is no language too decided, in which to express our reprobation of a principle, that renders mutual confidence impossible,—that impairs the sanctions of law,—that saps the foundations of morality, and that does formal dishonor to the name and majesty of God, whose supremacy is thus denied and whose law is set at naught.

It would be impossible for me in this brief address to touch, even by enumeration, upon all the evils which would surely follow from the prevalence of such a principle as the justification of a false oath under any circumstances. All the physical evils we have endured, and may have yet to endure, are less than nothing in comparison with the shock given to public morals by the enforcement of false oaths on the one hand, and the acquiescence in them on the other. We may in time recover from the devastations of war; another generation will soon, in the course of nature, take the places of those who have fallen in battle—time will assuage the grief of the mourners, or remove them to that better world where "God wipes away all tears from off all faces;" but how should we replace the sense of honor, the manly dignity, the love of truth, the reverence for God, and the faith in his providence which are all discarded, when a false oath is taken and justified? It would be difficult to show that a people who maintained such principles, were worthy or susceptible of preservation. Their integrity gone, their self-respect would be lost, and, as for their religion, it must dwindle away into hollow cant or drivelling superstition. Such a people would voluntarily claim the portion of Issachar, and, "couching down between their burdens, become servants to tribute; content if the land be good and the rest pleasant." They would invoke upon themselves the curse that fell upon the king of Babylon, and "eat grass like oxen." Believing that life consists only in abundance, they would lose the lineaments of humanity and fill up, in themselves, the measure of the monarch's doom, by having "a man's heart taken

from them and a beast's heart given to them." It may be that thus God is even now punishing some haughty and stubborn hearts, which disowned his allegiance and thus refused a service that would have given them perfect freedom, by bringing them, for a season, into subjection to a degrading and galling yoke. God grant that, "at the end of the appointed time," they may "lift up their eyes unto heaven," as did Nebuchadnezzar, "and praise and extol and honor the King of Heaven, all whose works are truth and his ways judgment; and those that walk in pride he is able to abase."

It is by no means my purpose to treat this subject at length, in all its ethical and religious bearings; but I would fain hope that I have accomplished all that I desired, in calling your attention to its importance. The principles underlying this whole question have been thoroughly discussed in all ages, and by the advocates of all religious systems; but we are compelled to make the humiliating confession, that christian moralists have, in some instances, maintained conclusions, which the more sturdy hearts of some heathen sages have rejected, as unworthy of manhood and faith in Divine Providence. It has been well said that "there is a ten-fold nearer approximation to the teachings of the Bible in Aristotle than there is in Paley—more affinity with the Gospel in Cicero than in the whole tribe of utilitarians."

Upon all these questions which involve the principles of morality, the Clergy should speak with no uncertain sound. We should earnestly consider that this whole people is under discipline; and how shall men learn righteousness and be trained to prize the ways of truth, unless the "lips of the priests keep knowledge?" We are the ambassadors for Christ; we are sent to preach Christ—not human systems of Ethics—not the traditions of the schoolmen—not the policy of the world—but Christ; and, in so far as God's grace may assist us, to reproduce his whole life. How clearly in his person and teachings, as by the light of day, are all the questions solved, which are darkened by the councils of the schoolmen, and entangled in the meshes of a worldly casuistry. The Pharisee could say, "thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths;" "but I say unto you," saith Christ, "Let your communications be Yea, yea; nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."

This is the teaching of Christ,—now behold his conduct! When he stood before Pilate, and when the Governor, wondering at his indifference to his decision, asked him, "Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?" he gave for reply those memorable words which proclaim the absolute Sovereignty of God—words which come to us in every hour of trial and nerve us to suffer all things rather than disown God, by distrusting his love and power—"Thou couldst have no power at all, except it were given thee from above."

Again, when he confronted the adversary in the wilderness, and, in a moment of bodily weakness and want, was tempted to give up his faith in God and to put his hand upon forbidden means for the sustenance of life, he gave for answer these words, which, even now at this distance of time, quicken our faith as we hear them, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." "More bread, more substance," says an unbelieving world—"man lives by bread, and if necessity requires bread, he need not scruple as to the means of obtaining it, even should man's word be violated and God's law

be broken; better for man's life to be prolonged than for God's name to be hallowed." This is the way in which the tempter speaks, but Christ speaks not thus. He teaches us what man's life is and wherein it consists—not in abundance—not in present continuance—not by the will of man, but by the will of God, and says, in effect, by word and example, My Father in Heaven knows what I need; I live by his providence; I will resort to no forbidden and unprovidential means for the prolongation of life; and, if the life which is sustained by bread must terminate, I still live, "for man lives not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Do not these words instruct us that it is better far for man to rise to a higher life, by resisting temptation and maintaining the truth, than to sink into the abyss of unbelief by giving up a good conscience and distrusting the living God? "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it."

But what need to multiply examples? We are sent to teach and preach Christ and him crucified, and Christ crucified, not alone as the sacrifice for sin, but, also, "as an ensample of godly living, the blessed steps of whose most holy life we are to follow," if need be, "to drink of the cup that he drank of, and to be baptized with the baptism that he was baptized with."

We need more of this spirit in the Church, which Christ redeemed with his precious blood. While the Church stands true to her Divine Head, there is hope for the world. At any time the cup may be presented to our lips. We owe it to ourselves, to our fellows, and, above all, to Him who made us in his image, "to quit us like men, and to be strong," as Christ was strong—"Strong in that strength which God supplies through his Eternal Son." We are the "light of the world;" let us see to it that our lamps are kept trimmed and ready burning. "We are the salt of the earth;" let us take heed that we lose not our savor, and have a care, that no truth perishes from among men through our neglect or want of faith. Ordinary grace will not avail in the day of extraordinary trial. Let us prepare ourselves, by an humble dependence upon Divine grace and a more than ordinary exercise of self-discipline, to suffer all things rather than to deny the truth. The truth alone can make us free. All lies end in captivity and death. All things, by the operation of an universal law, tend to the level of their source—truth and right upward, to their fountain—falsehood and wrong downward, to the pit whence they were digged.

What a day is this in which we are sent to preach the glorious gospel of the blessed God, when the hearts of so many fail them for fear, as they look forward to possible disaster! Oh! with what authority and truth, with what simplicity and plainness, with what tenderness and long-suffering, should we preach to our fellow men, and beseech them to turn from lying vanities, which cannot profit, and to cleave unto the living God!

And now, unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only Wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever—
Amen.

On motion, *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to publishing tracts, &c. for the army, be referred to a committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen.

Whereupon, the President appointed, Rev. Messrs. NICHOLSON, BECKWITH and MENAOS, of the Clergy, and Messrs. T. B. TAYLOR, McCORD and BOND, of the Laity, to constitute said Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to furnish for publication that portion of his Address on the subject of omitting Prayers for the Rulers, the closing of Churches, and taking of Oaths in obedience to Military Authority.

On motion, *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the subject of the Form of Prayer for Rulers, be referred to a Committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen.

Whereupon, the President appointed Rev. Messrs. CUSHMAN, D. D., R. A. COBBS and RICHARD H. COBBS, of the Clergy, and Messrs. ELLERBE, TAYLOR and H. STICKNEY, of the Laity.

On motion, *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the state of the Church, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to Widows and Orphans of deceased Soldiers, be referred to a Committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen.

Whereupon, the President appointed the Rev. Messrs. MITCHELL, LEE and NEVIUS, of the Clergy, and Messrs. WHITAKER, BELL and WALTHALL, of the Laity, to constitute said Committee.

Rev. J. J. SCOTT, D. D., of the Diocese of Florida, and Rev. C. S. HEDGES, D. D., of the Diocese of Louisiana, appeared and took seats in the Council.

W. T. WALTHALL, Lay Deputy, St. John's Church, Mobile, appeared and took his seat in the Council.

The Council then resumed the consideration of the amendment to Section 2, Canon 1.

The Council adjourned until 5 o'clock P. M.

ST. JOHN'S (OLD PARISH) CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Friday, 5 o'clock, P. M. }

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, and resumed the consideration of the motion to indefinitely postpone the amendment to Section 2, Canon 1.

The vote being taken by orders, the motion was lost.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the further consideration of the amend-

ment, to Section 2, Canon 1, be postponed until the meeting of the next Annual Council.

Notice was given, that on to-morrow an amendment would be offered to Section 5, Canon 5, Title 1, viz: to add to the end of the Section the words, "and is a member thereof."

On motion, the Council adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

ST. JOHN'S (OLD PARISH) CHURCH, MONTGOMERY, }
Saturday, May 7th, 1864. }

Council met pursuant to adjournment. The roll was called. The minutes of yesterday, were read and approved.

On motion, the Council proceeded to the consideration of the amendment to Article 5, of the Constitution of the General Council, as suggested by the General Council. Unanimously approved.

The Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, from the Committee appointed at the last Council on the Memorial Church, made the following report :

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MEMORIAL CHURCH FUND.

The Trustees of the Fund for building the proposed Memorial Church, respectfully report, that in order to induce prompt action under the Resolutions of the last Diocesan Council, the passage of which made it the duty of each Clergyman in the Diocese to act as an Agent for the said Fund, they, immediately after the adjournment of the Council, caused a subscription paper and blank notes to be sent to each Clergyman in the Diocese, and in response thereto they have received the following amounts, including the sums obtained at the Council, to wit:

In Confederate Treasury Notes,.....	\$2,053 00
" Individual Notes, bearing interest,.....	1,272 00
" Subscriptions,.....	1,450 00

\$4,775 00

The Confederate Treasury Notes have all been converted into C. S. Bonds, bearing 8 per cent. interest.

JOSIAH MORRIS, Treas'r.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee be received, and that the Committee be requested to continue its action under the resolution of the last Council, as they shall find it expedient.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Whereas, this Council have heard with deep regret, that some of its members, Clerical and Lay, within the lines of the enemy, have been hindered from attending its deliberations; Therefore *Resolved*, That this Council, believing in the doctrine that where one member suffers, all others of the members are partakers in suffering, do hereby assure those of our brethren, Clerical and Lay, who are within the lines of the Federal Army, of our heartfelt sympathies with them in their trials and bid them be of good cheer in the name of the Lord, who in his good time will bring to naught the counsels of their and our common enemy.

The Chairman of the Committee, relating to the publication of Tracts, &c., made the following report :

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as related to a supply of religious literature for the use of the Army, have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to report that, deeming it one of vast importance, they have no hesitancy in expressing the opinion that the Church should promptly and energetically take steps to supply, as far as possible, to the brave men of the Army, far removed from home and its endearing associations and blessed privileges, and often cut off from the holy influences of the worship and instruction of the Sanctuary, such wholesome reading matter as may tend, with the divine blessing, to promote their best interests for time and eternity.

There is everywhere in the Army a great demand for the Bible, Prayer Book, and instructive tracts on religious doctrine and practice. The Committee, therefore, urgently recommend to the Council, the adoption of a plan whereby this demand may be the most speedily and practically met, by the publication or procurement of a cheap edition of the Prayer Book, or at least of those portions of it which embrace the Morning and Evening Prayer, the Litany, the order of celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and some of the Psalms and Hymns, together with such other useful tracts as may tend to spiritual edification; and above all, if possible, the Holy Word of God.

The Committee are of opinion that Bibles may be obtained from England, through the blockade, by the application of a little energy and good management. At all events the work is worthy of an effort in that direction. Let the Church be aroused to her duty and do what she can to supply this inestimable gift of God to man—the Holy Bible. And as the Bishop is, under Christ, the earthly head of the Church, so do we believe that, in general, all such religious actions as spring from her in her organic capacity, for the spreading abroad of the knowledge of Christ and the glory of God, should either emanate from him, or be moulded in large measure by him; therefore the Committee would propose that the Bishop take this matter in hand and work it out according to his wisdom and discretion, calling to his aid such Clergymen and Laymen as he may deem best; and as many of either order as he may elect, for the prosecution of his wishes, to act as Agents in the procurement of funds, the purchase, or preparation and publication of religious reading matter and the distribution thereof in the Army.

Such a course would leave the whole question untrammelled; and the Bishop, at his own discretion, could from time to time, send out some one, or more, of the Clergy to the Army, to act as distributors of the literature so provided, who might at the same time also do a good and noble work among their fellow-men in the Army, by personal intercourse and the preaching of the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Finally, the Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That this Council take a deep interest in the spiritual welfare of our noble Armies in the field; pledge itself to adopt immediate measures to provide, as far as lies in its power, a supply of wholesome christian reading matter for distribution among our soldiers.

2nd. *Resolved*, That the Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama, be respectfully requested to take the controul and management of the important enterprise of supplying the Army with religious literature, calling to his aid as many Clergymen and Laymen as he may elect, to assist him in the collection of funds, preparation and publication of reading matter, and the distribution thereof.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. J. NICHOLSON, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received and accompanying resolutions unanimously adopted.

The President retired, calling the Rev. R. A. COBBS, to the Chair.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Council and find them correct. They also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following assessments be made upon the Parishes for the support of the Episcopate of the Diocese, and 10 per cent. upon the assessments, excepting St. John's in the Wilderness, for Contingent Fund.

	Bishop's Salary.	Contingent Fund.
Christ Church, Mobile,.....	\$700 00	\$70 00
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	275 00	27 50
St. John's Church, Montgomery,.....	600 00	60 00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....	300 00	30 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,.....	125 00	12 50
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....	100 00	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....	200 00	20 00
St. James' Church, Livingston,.....	40 00	4 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,.....	210 00	21 00
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,.....	50 00	5 00
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,.....	40 00	4 00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,.....	25 00	2 50
St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,.....	75 00	7 50
St. David's Church, Dallas County,.....	100 00	10 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis,.....	125 00	12 50
St. John's in the Wilderness,.....	24 00	
St. James' Church, Eufaula,.....	50 00	5 00
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,.....	50 00	5 00
Trinity Church, Mobile,	250 00	25 00
St. Mark's Church, Greene County,.....	40 00	4 00
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,.....	60 00	6 00
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,.....	25 00	2 50
St. John's Church, Elyton,.....	10 00	1 00
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County,	150 00	15 00
Trinity Church, Florence,.....	50 00	5 00
St. John's Church, Mobile,.....	200 00	20 00
St. Mary's Church, Camden,.....	40 00	4 00
Grace Church, St. Stephens,.....	15 00	1 50
St. Paul's Church, Lowndeshoro',.....	20 00	2 00
St. Mary's Church, Mobile,.....	25 00	2 50
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville,.....	30 00	3 00
St. John's Church, Madison County,.....	8 00	80
Calvary Church, Choctaw County,.....	10 00	1 00
St. James' Church, Claiborne,	10 00	1 00
St. Paul's Church, Mobile,.....	25 00	2 50
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville,.....	10 00	1 00
St. John's in the Prairies, Greene County,....	50 00	5 00
Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery..	25 00	2 50
	<hr/> \$4,142 00	<hr/> \$411 80

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Council pay Mrs. L. L. COBBS her annual stipend, \$500.

Resolved, That the Lay Deputies be requested to pay over, immediately, to the Treasurer of the Diocese, the assessment for Contingent Fund.

A. W. ELLERBE, Chairman.

BISHOP'S FUND *in account with* HENRY A. TAYLOR, *Treasurer.*

1863.	DR.	CR.
May 1.—By Balance,.....		\$ 132 70
“ 5.—By amount received at Convention (see abstract)...		3,445 70
“ 5.—To cash paid Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D.,.....	\$1,200 00	
To cash paid Mrs. L. Cobbs,	500 00	
To cash paid A. W. Ellerhe,.....	1,886 72	
To Balance,.....		8 32
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	\$3,586 72	\$3,586 72
1864.—May 1.—To Balance,.....	\$8 32	

CONTINGENT FUND *in account with* HENRY A. TAYLOR, *Treasurer.*

1863.	DR.	CR.
May 1.—By Balance,.....		\$ 36 71
“ “ By amount received at Convention,.....		239 20
June 29.—To cash paid for printing Journals of the Council, for 1862 and 1863,	\$402 40	
1864.—May 1.—To Balance,.....		\$126 49
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	\$402 40	\$402 40
1864.—May 1.—To Balance,	\$126 49	

On motion, the report was received and accompanying resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on the Form of Prayer made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as related to the forms of prayer for those in authority, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report the following resolution:

Resolved, That while in the judgment of this Council it may be most desirable so to catholicise the prayers for our rulers and legislators, as to adapt them to the exigencies of all times and occasions, yet they do not think it expedient at the present Council to instruct the Deputies to the General Council upon the subject.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, Chairman.

Report received and accompanying resolution adopted.

Rev. GEO. F. STICKNEY, of the Diocese of Louisiana, appeared and took a seat in the Council.

L. M. WHETSTONE, Deputy, from St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville, appeared and took his seat in the Council.

The Committee on Widows and Orphans of deceased Soldiers, made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the establishment of Asylums for children made orphans by the calamities of the present war, beg leave to report as follows:

Recognising it as the duty of the Church to provide, not only for the orphans of her own fold, but, so far as practicable, to extend her influence by the application of the beneficent principles of the Divine Law of Love to all mankind, we cordially agree with the suggestions of our Right Reverend Father, and recommend for the consideration of the Council, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is the duty of each Parish, in co-operation with the Bishop, to take immediate steps for the establishment of Christian Houses for orphans within its own limits, or within the circle of its influence.

Resolved, That the details of the plan on which these institutions shall be organized, be left to the discretion of the Bishop, with the advice and assistance of the Rectors and Vestries of the various Parishes.

JNO. M. MITCHELL, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received and accompanying resolutions were adopted.

On motion, the Council proceeded to the election of the Ecclesiastical Court.

On motion, the Council decided to vote *viva voce*.

Rev. Messrs. HANSON, MITCHELL, CUSHMAN, TICKNOR, LEE, BANISTER, R. A. COBBS, BECKWITH, J. F. SMITH, McCLURE and STICKNEY, were nominated and elected members of said Ecclesiastical Court.

JOHN A. LODOR was nominated and elected Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

T. B. TAYLOR was nominated and elected Trustee of Hamner Hall.

A. W. ELLERBE, S. G. JONES and A. R. BELL, were nominated and unanimously elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

T. W. MCCOY was nominated and re-elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society for the ensuing year.

W. G. JONES was nominated and elected Trustee of the University of the South, in the place of LEROY H. ANDERSON, deceased.

The Council proceeded to the consideration of the amendment to Section 5, Canon 5, Title 1.

On motion, the amendment was laid on the table, with a view to future action.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund made the following report :

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

Amount of Permanent Fund, May 1st 1863.....	\$4,459 53
By interest, &c.....	5,173 19
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	\$9,632 72
Special Fund, at the date of last report, was.....	\$23,561 80
By contribution from St. Mark's Church, Greene County.....	125 00
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	\$23,686 80

A portion of the above amount consists of promissory notes of contributors, and of persons to whom money had been loaned. Owing to the difficulty of making investments, the Trustees have made no effort to collect these notes, nor do they deem their collection advisable in the present condition of the country.

The sum of \$8,000 is invested in Confederate 8 per cent. Bonds.

A. R. BELL, Treasurer.

The report was received.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have Two Hundred copies of the Journal of this Council printed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of two Clergymen and two Laymen, be appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of the sentiments of this Council, at the decease of the late Dr. LEROY H. ANDERSON, for many years a Lay Delegate to the Conventions of this Church.

Rev. Messrs. TICKNOR and DOBB, of the Clergy and A. W. ELLERBE, of the Laity, were appointed said Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That when this Council adjourns, it adjourns to meet in Christ Church, Mobile, on the 1st Wednesday in May, 1865.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Montgomery, for their hospitality.

The President retired, calling the Rev. R. A. COBBS to the Chair.

On motion, *Resolved*, That in consideration of the advanced prices of living, the Parishes be invited to make voluntary contributions to the support of the Bishop, and forward the same to him when practicable, in such manner as they shall deem most expedient.

The Bishop resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH:

The Committee on the State of the Church, in presenting their report, would respectfully state to the Council, that on reviewing that part of the Bishop's Address in relation to his official acts, and the facts laid before them in the Parochial Reports, they find more than ordinary cause for gratitude to Almighty God, in view of the encouraging condition of the Church.

Desirous of confining themselves strictly to the work before them, the Committee would respectfully submit to the Council the following abstract of statistics, which have been carefully collated from the Parochial Reports and the Bishop's Address.

Within the Parishes from which reports have been received, they find there have been, during the past year,

Baptisms,.....	627
Confirmations,	337
Present number of Communicants,	2220
Collections—Communion Alms,.....	\$8,269 60
“ Missions,	8,379 00
“ Church purposes,.....	17,254 60—\$33,903 20

The Committee would here state that they are not able to present an accurate view of the state of the Church, from the fact that there is quite a number of Parishes from which no report has been received. But in these statistics it will be perceived that there are several features of a most gratifying nature.

Notwithstanding the distracted state of our country, arising from the presence of

an invading foe, and the engrossment of the public mind with the troubles by which we are surrounded; in every particular, the progress of the Church in the Diocese, instead of being retarded, has been *onward*, and that to an unprecedented degree; calling for the most devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, and stimulating us to renewed exertion.

In nearly every Parish, Adult Baptisms are reported, making a large increase on any former year.

The number of Confirmations reported by the Bishop is greater by nearly one-fourth than any previous year, including an unusual number of *men*, many of them occupying positions in society which must have the tendency of dispelling prejudice against, and awakening attention to, the claims of the Church.

One of the most cheering and satisfactory views of the healthy condition of the Church, is in the large increase of contributions to Missions and charitable purposes. While there has been a constant demand on the liberality of the people for patriotic and benevolent objects, the offerings which have been laid on the Altar of the Church have been nearly double.

The Committee would take this opportunity of expressing their sincere and earnest sympathy with those Parishes situated in that portion of the Diocese which is under the iron heel of the oppressor; while it is their fervent prayer that the day may speedily dawn when we shall all be permitted to worship God under our own vine and fig tree, none daring to make us afraid.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY SANSOM,
Chairman of the Committee.

On motion, the report was received.

The minutes of this day were read and approved, and after singing the Gloria in Excelsis, and Prayer and Benediction by the Bishop, the Council adjourned *sine die*.

R. H. WILMER, President.

H. A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. HENRY SANSOM, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 20; colored, infants, 2,.....	Total, 24
Confirmations—White,	13
Marriages—White, 9; colored, 1,.....	Total, 10
Funerals—White, 16; colored, 1,.....	Total, 17
Communicants—White, at last report, 260; added, 27; died 4; removed, 13;	
	Present No., 270
Sunday School—Teachers, 26; Scholars, white, 123; colored, 10,.....	Total, 159
Library Books,	400
Communion Administered, (twice in private).....	14
Communion Offerings.....	\$2,116 20
Collections—Diocesan Missions.....	2,002 50
Society for Widows, &c., of deceased Clergymen,.....	612 65
Missions in Arkansas,.....	457 00
Missions in Texas,.....	470 00
Religious reading for Soldiers,.....	258 00
Sunday School purposes,.....	211 00
Lenten contributions of Sunday School,.....	210 00
Voluntary contribution to the Rector, in consideration of the times.....	2,500 00

Total amount contributed in the Parish during the year, exclusive of Bishop and Rector's salaries,.....\$8,837 35
 Time spent in the Parish since last report, twelve months.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. R. D. NEVINS, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 5; infants, 10; colored, infants, 11,.....	Total, 26
Confirmations—White,.....	12
Marriages—White,.....	1
Funerals—White, 11; colored, 1,.....	Total, 12
Communicants—White, at last report, 106; added, 15; died, 3; present No.....	118
Colored, at last report, 6; present No.....	4
Sunday School—Teachers, 8; Scholars, 43,.....	Total, 51
Communion Administered.....	16
Collections—Offertory, Holy Communion,.....	\$60 00
Diocesan Missions,	275 00
Church purposes generally,.....	264 00

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

During the last year services have been given on alternate Sundays, as far as possible, to the negroes upon a neighboring plantation.

In the death of HENRY A. SNOW, since the last meeting of the Council, this Parish has sustained a loss which cannot easily be supplied. An active worker in the Parish from the first years of its organization, and for more than twenty years a Vestryman and Warden, it had become a habit for both Minister and people to look to him for wisdom in counsel, and prudence in action, in all matters affecting our corporate life. In his death God has tried us with a severe affliction; but as a compensation He has left us the memory of a pure minded, earnest and irreproachable Christian man, and the humble trust that he has exchanged the labors of earth for the blessedness of Paradise.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. R. H. COBBES, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 7; infants, 21; colored, infants, 5,.....	Total, 33
Marriages—White, 2; colored, 3,.....	Total, 5
Funerals—White, 9; colored, 4,.....	Total, 13
Confirmations—White, 16; colored, 1,.....	Total, 17
Communicants—White, at last report, 72; added, 17; died, 1; removed, 5;	
	Present No., 82
Communion Offerings—Domestic Missions,.....	\$349 00
Diocesan Missions,.....	185 00
Benevolent purposes,.....	422 00
Church purposes,.....	317 30
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Total,.....	\$1,273 30

In addition to these, the following amounts were collected during the session of the last Diocesan Council:

Communion Offerings—(Widows and Orphans),.....	\$106 00
Missionary Collection,.....	223 70
Collection at the annual meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Society,...	99 00
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Total,.....	\$428 70

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.—Rev. JOHN M. MITCHELL, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 12; infants, 41; colored, infants, 10,.....	Total, 63
Confirmations—White, 46; colored, 2,.....	Total, 48
Marriages—White, 15; colored, 1,.....	Total, 16
Funerals—White, 28; colored, 2,.....	Total, 30
Communicants—White, at last report, 189; added, 52; died, 3; removed, 10;	
	Present No., 228
Colored—At last report, 17; present No.,.....	18
Sunday School—Teachers, for whites, 12; for colored, 5,.....	Total, 17
Scholars—White, 120; colored, 30,.....	Total, 150
Library Books,.....	300
Communion Administered,.....	15
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....	\$500 00
Domestic Missions,.....	450 00
Orphan Asylum,.....	2,412 00
Alms,.....	699 55
For Church purposes generally,.....	6,525 00
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	\$10,586 55

Of the Confirmations reported above, two persons belong to Christ Church, Pensacola, and were presented for confirmation by the Rev. Dr. SCOTT; and four were non-resident boarding pupils at Hamner Hall.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adult, 1; infants, 2; Colored, infants, 2,.....	Total, 5
Marriages—Colored,.....	1
Funerals—White,.....	2
Communicants—At last report, say, 44; since, 4; colored, 14; present No.,.....	64
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, white, 25; black, 10,.....	Total, 40
Communion Administered,.....	15
Communion Offerings.....	\$61 10
Collection—Diocesan Missions,.....	32 00

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants,	2
Marriages—White, 2; colored, 1,	Total, 3
Funerals—White, 7; colored, 2,	Total, 9
Communicants,	27
Communions Administered,	7
Communion Offerings,	\$73 25
Collection—For Widows and Orphans,	21 75

I have spent the last twelve months in the Parish. I officiated once in Newbern, Greene County, and baptized one infant.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 8; infants, 16; Colored, adult, 1; infants, 2,	Total, 27
Confirmations,	20
Marriages—White, 4; colored, 1,	Total, 5
Funerals—White, 29; colored, 2,	Total, 31
Communicants—Died, 1; added, 20; present No.	111
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 40,	Total, 45
Library Books, about,	150
Communions Administered,	15
Communion Offerings,	\$724 30
Collections—Diocesan Missions,	304 00
Military Aid Society,	184 00
Widows and Orphans,	112 00
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\$1,324 30	

Time spent in the Parish, in the regular performance of its duties, since last report, twelve months.

Of the funerals reported above, ten were performed in other Parishes.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.—Rev. Jno. W. BECKWITH, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 5; infants, 3; colored, infants, 13,	Total, 21
Confirmations—White,	28
Marriages—White, 3; colored, 4,	Total, 7
Funerals—White, 10; colored, 3,	Total, 13
Communicants—At last report, 35; added, 17; died, 2; present No.	50
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, white, 38,	Total, 43
Communions Administered,	11
Communion Offerings,	\$846 90
Collections—Diocesan Missions,	163 55
Offering on National Fast Day, for Prayer Books, &c. for Soldiers,	486 05
Church purposes generally (not including salary),	194 80

Canon 1, section 4 (concerning salary) complied with.

Assumed the charge of this Parish June 25th, 1863, since which time the Church has been closed (I think) but once by my absence.

Attendance upon the weekly services have been regular and large. Owing to the number of refugees and soldiers in and about Demopolis, the Church (on Sundays) has been crowded to overflowing. I am thankful to state, that when I took charge of the Parish, I found in the regular congregation not only a growing interest, but a knowledge of the Church, which made this a most desirable field of labor. In the rapid increase in the congregation during my brief ministry, I feel that I have (as God's instrument) reaped of the good works sown by the labors of my predecessors.

It has been my blessed privilege to minister to the spiritual wants of our soldiers,

in the ordinary services of the Church, and in both her Sacraments; to present several for the Holy Rite of Confirmation, to visit them in sickness, and to perform over their bodies the last and most solemn services of the Church, in committing them to the ground.

I wish to make this acknowledgment of my gratitude for the encouragement in my work, which has been so cheerfully given me by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.—Rev. A. D. McCoy, Rector.

Rev. J. C. WADDILL, Assistant to the Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white, 8; colored, 6; adults, 5,.....	Total, 19
Confirmed,.....	5
Marriage,....	1
Funerals,.....	7
Communicants—Added, 13; present No.....	34
Communion Administered, (in private, 4).....	14
Communion Offerings,.....	\$167 65
Collections—For St. James' Church School,....	258 75
For the School, from persons out of the Parish,.....	250 00

Besides the above, we have received from a Methodist brother, the rent of the school house and lot free for one year. From others, liberal donations in materials and work. We are thankful to report that the grace of God has made the services of the Church effectual in the evident edification of his people, as exhibited in their active efforts to establish a Christian school for boys and girls of all classes of society, the profits of which are to be devoted to feeding, clothing and educating, religiously, morally and intellectually, in agricultural and mechanic arts, the destitute orphans of soldiers.

The present Rector entered upon his duties in the Parish the 27th of July last.

Five of the white infants reported above were baptised by his predecessor, the Rev. S. U. SMITH.

In addition to the duties of the Parish, the Rector has held stated services elsewhere, every fourth Sunday in the month, beginning with the fourth Sunday in November. Gainesville, Mt. Sterling and Pushmataha have been visited in this way.

CALVARY CHURCH, PUSHMATAHA.—Rev. A. D. McCoy, Rector in charge.

Baptisms—Infants, white, 1; colored, 3; adults, white, 5; colored, 1; At Mt. Sterling—White, infant, 1,.....	Total, 11
Candidates for Confirmation known of.....	7
Communicants—Added, 3; present No.....	24
Communion Administered,.....	2
Communion Offerings,.....	\$862 00

Every encouragement is offered for active and persevering aid to the zealous members of this Parish, to give the Church a strong hold upon the affections and support of the inhabitants of the place and its vicinity.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.—Rev. EDWARD MACCLURE, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adult, 1; infants, 5; colored, infants, 3,.....	Total, 9
Confirmations—White,.....	4
Marriages—White, 3; colored, 1,.....	Total, 4
Funerals—White, 14; colored, 6,.....	Total, 20
Communicants—White, at last report, 76; added, 40; died, 1; removed, 26; Present, No. 89	
Colored—At last report, 11; present No.....	11
Communion Administered,.....	10

Communion Offerings,.....	\$117 30
Collections—Diocesan Missions, ..	65 50
For Church purposes generally,.....	55 20

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Most of the above numbers of additions and removals have consisted of exiles from other Parishes in the different States of the Confederacy.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Rector.

Rev. J. H. TULLINGHAST, Assistant to the Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 11; infants, 57; colored, infant, 1,.....	Total, 69
Confirmations—White,	32
Marriages—White, 8; colored, 8,.....	Total, 16
Funerals—White, 58; colored, 3,.....	Total, 61
Communicants—White, at last report, 225; added, 32; died, 5; removed, 15;	
	Present No., 237
Sunday School—Teachers, 9; Scholars, 105,	Total, 114
Library Books,.....	200
Communion Administered, (in private and public),.....	20
Communion Offerings,.....	\$1021 70
Collections—Diocesan Missions,....	630 00

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, IN THE PRAIRIES.—Rev. A. MENZES, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adult, 1; infants, 2; Colored, infants, 56,.....	Total, 59
Confirmations—Colored, ..	1
Marriages—White, 1; colored, 2,.....	Total, 3
Funerals—Colored,	2
Communicants—White, at last report, 11; removed 4; present No.	7
Colored—At last report, 3; suspended, 1; added, 1; present No., 3	
Communion Administered,.....	4
Communion Offerings,.....	\$ 8 00
Collections—Diocesan Missions,	53 00
Widows' and Orphans' Society,.....	63 00

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Besides the regular services in the Church, divine service has been regularly held on four plantations, and occasionally on a fifth. These services consist of the Confession, the Absolution, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Versicles after the Creed, and the three last prayers in the Evening Service, and the Commandments; the singing of three Hymns, and preaching exclusively from the New Testament, and occasionally the Commandments.

A fair number of the servants are interested in the services. I have, however, not felt at liberty to urge them to come into the Church; for they belong to the denominations, and their owners are not inclined to have their religious predilections disturbed.

Since last report, two Church families have moved permanently from the Parish. There are now only three Church families left. The neighborhood is very sparsely settled and the population belongs, fixedly, to the denominations.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW.—Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Missionary.

Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 3,	Total, 6
Confirmations,.....	4
Marriages—White, ..	1

Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 25,.....	Total, 31
Communicants,.....	32
Communion Administered,.....	8
Communion Offerings,.....	\$92 95
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....	78 35
Church purposes generally,.....	90 00
Services, 1st and 3d Sundays. Time spent in the Mission, twelve months.	

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA.—REV. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants,.....	1
Confirmations—White,.....	4
Funerals—White,.....	11
Communicants—White, at last report, 31; died, 3; removed, 2; added, 4;	
	Present No., 30
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30,.....	Total, 36
Library Books,.....	325
Communion Administered,.....	6
Collections—For the Poor,.....	\$237 15
Diocesan Missions,.....	240 53

Time spent in the Parish in the discharge of its regular duties, five months.

The Rector resumed the charge of this Parish, after a vacancy of two months, in July last, to officiate two Sundays in each month; but owing to protracted ill health has been able to do but little except to fill the pulpit somewhat irregularly. To his people he owes a large debt of gratitude for their kindness and forbearance under the circumstances. The Parish has been much indebted to the Rev. J. H. Ticknor for his services upon various funeral occasions.

PORTLAND, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA.—REV. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, D. D., Minister.

Baptisms—White, infants, 2; colored, infants, 5,.....	Total, 7
Funerals—White, 4; colored, 1,.....	Total, 5
Communicants—White, at last report, 21; died, 1; removed, 2; added, 1;	
	Present No., 19
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 18,.....	Total, 23
Communion Administered, (two in private),.....	12
Collections—For the Poor,.....	\$141 50
For the Episcopal Fund,.....	50 00
Diocesan Missions,.....	165 00

Time spent at Station, seven months.

From the first of July I have spent but half the time at this Station, having for the other half resumed the charge of St. Luke's Church, Cahaba. The same want of health has made the services irregular here as there, and nothing has been done but to attempt to fill the pulpit whenever I was able. The congregation is regular and attentive, and the Church is strengthening her influence. The colored congregation for whom services are held Sunday evenings, is interested in our service, and we believe we shall still see the fruit of the labor bestowed upon them. The prejudice among them against the Church was always strong, and it requires patience and faith, as well as labor and God's grace, to overcome and break it down.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.—REV. R. A. COBB, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants, 9; Colored, infants, 5,.....	Total, 14
Confirmations—White,.....	5
Marriages—White, 2; colored, 1,.....	Total, 3
Funerals—White, 8; colored, 1,.....	Total, 9
Communicants—White, at last report, 33; added, 8; removed, 5; present No....	36
Colored—Present No.	1
Communion Administered—In public, 16; in private, 2,.....	Total, 18

Communion Offerings—(Of which \$60 were for special purposes).....	\$232 40
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....	255 50
Domestic Missions,.....	51 75

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Nothing worthy of special mention has marked the history of this Parish during the last twelve months, except the consecration of the Church, which, having been hitherto prevented by various causes, took place on the 24th November last.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY.—Rev. R. A. COBBS, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants,	2
Funerals—White	1
Communicants—White, at last report, 11; present No.....	11
Colored—Present No., about.....	10
Communion Administered—In Church, 3; in private, 1,.....	Total, 4
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....	\$84 33
Domestic Missions,.....	56 00

As often as the weather and other circumstances would allow, services have been held in this Church, in the afternoons of two Sundays in each month.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA.—Rev. THOS. J. BEARD, Deacon, in charge.

Baptisms—White, adults, 6; infants, 5; colored, infants, 10,.....	Total, 21
Confirmations—White,	5
Funerals—White,	4
Communicants—At last report, 24; added, 3; died, 2; present No.....	32
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 30,.....	Total, 35
Library Books,	200
Communion Administered.....	3
Communion Offerings,	\$37 00
Collections—Diocesan Missions,	140 00
Domestic Missions,	61 00
Church purposes generally,	130 00
Bishop's Salary, above the amount assessed,.....	112 50

The above report includes the missionary point at Clayton, about 20 miles distant from Eufaula, where services are held once a month. The congregations are good and manifest an interest in the Church.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 11; infants, 121; colored, infants, 3,.....	Total, 135
Confirmations—White,	31
Marriages—White, 25; colored, 2,.....	Total, 27
Funerals—White, 80; colored, 1,.....	Total, 81
Communicants—White, at last report, 168; added, 22; died, 8; ceased to commune, 2; removed, 2; present No.....	178
Sunday School—Teachers, 19; Scholars, 205,	Total, 224
Library Books,	350
Communion Administered,	21
Communion Offerings.....	\$1,049 70
Collections—Diocesan Missions.....	357 80
For the Poor,	110 00
For Church purposes generally,.....	1,873 20

Total Contributions,.....\$3,390 70

Exclusive of Rector's support and the assessment for the Bishop's and Convention Funds. To this might be added somewhat more than \$1000 for the Sunday School.

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, MARENGO CO.—Rev. JOHN Y. GHOLSON, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infants, 2; Colored, adult, 6; infants, 30,....	Total, 41
Confirmations—White, 3; colored, 7,.....	Total, 10
Marriages—Colored.....	2
Funerals—White, 5; colored, 9,.....	Total, 14
Communicants—White, at last report, 27; added, 4; died 2; removed, 2;	
	Present No., 27
Colored—Added, 7; present No.....	16
Communion Administered,.....	12
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....	\$376 70
Bishops Cobbs' Memorial Church,.....	1,100 00
Sick and wounded Soldiers, C. S. A.	90 00
Church purposes generally,.....	100 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

REMARKS.—Services regularly held on a week day, once a month, at Dayton, by the Rector of this Parish. An awakened interest is manifested in the Church at that point. It is hoped and believed that a Church edifice will be erected as soon as practicable. At present the services are held in a large room which has been fitted up, and for a temporary purpose answers quite well. A Sunday School, under the superintendence of Mr. WM. PERRIS, (Candidate for Orders,) is now in operation, and in a flourishing condition. As yet, no Parish has been organized. The Communicants number some 12 or 15. At the recent visitation of the Bishop, two children were admitted into the Church by Baptism, and one person received the holy rite of Confirmation.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNESEBORO'.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 1; colored, adults, 1; infants, 1,....	Total, 4
Confirmations—White, 2; colored, 2,.....	Total, 4
Marriages—White, 1; colored, 1,.....	Total, 2
Funerals—White, 5; colored, 1,.....	Total, 6
Communicants—White, added, 3; present No.....	27
Colored—At last report, 10; added, 2; present No..	12
Communion Administered..	5
Communion Offerings,...	\$38 55
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....	112 20

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

PRATTVILLE MISSION.—Rev. J. F. SMITH officiating.

Baptisms—White, infants,.....	1
Confirmations—White,	1
Communicants—White, at last report, 16; died, 2; removed, 3; present No.....	11
Communion Administered,	2
Collections—Diocesan Missions,	\$75 00

Time spent in the Mission since last report, twelve months.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, AUTAUGAVILLE.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants,	2
Funerals—White,	2
Communicants—White, at last report, 10; present No.....	10
Communion Administered,	3
Communion Offerings,	\$35 00
Collections—Diocesan Missions,	80 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

GREENVILLE MISSION.—Rev. JAMES S. JARRATT, Missionary.

Baptisms—White, adults, 6; infants, 7; Colored, adults, 1; infants, 1,....	Total, 15
Confirmations—White, 15; colored, 1,	Total, 16
Funerals—Colored,.....	1
Communicants,	7
Communion Administered—In public, 4; in private, 1,.....	Total, 5
Communion Offerings,.....	\$75 65
Collections—For Diocesan Missions,.....	108 15

Four of the persons confirmed were presented by Dr. Scott.

SNOWDOWN MISSION.

Baptisms—Colored, infants,	39
Funerals, ..	1
Communicants,	1
Communion Administered—Public 4, Private 2,.....	Total, 6
Communion Offerings,.....	\$71 50
For Diocesan Missions,.....	43 00
Marriages—White 1, Colored 2,.....	Total, 3

EVERGREEN, CONECUH COUNTY.

Baptisms—White, infants, 3; Colored, infants 2,.....	Total, 5
Communion Administered,	1

SPARTA, CONECUH COUNTY.

Baptisms—White, adults 1; infants 5,.....	Total, 6
Burials—White,.....	1
Communicants,	2

THOMAS JARRATT'S PLANTATION.

Baptisms—Colored, infants,.....	5
Confirmations,.....	1
Communion Administered,...	1

Baptism in Lowndes County,.....	1
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Time spent in performance of ministerial duties, 11 months.

I am indebted to the Rev. Dr. Scott for supplying my place at my regular stations. This has enabled me to do missionary duty elsewhere, some of the results of which are reported above.

J. S. JARRATT.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D.

I hereby very respectfully report to you an account of my labors in your Diocese since my expulsion from New Orleans in May last. After my arrival in Alabama you very kindly and promptly assigned me to duty at Opelika. To this place I moved my family, and on the 25th of June commenced the work of the ministry.—Here I found a very neat Church edifice, recently finished and consecrated, and a few ardent and zealous Church families. At first I gave my entire time to this place, but afterwards, by your advice, I gave a portion of my time to other points. I have monthly appointments, on Sundays, at Tallassee and Cross Keys. I have also regular week day services at Tuskegee and Auburn. I have likewise visited Crawford, Salem and Lafayette, in each of which I found a few devoted Church people.

To Opelika I give two Sundays in each month, and also instruct in the Church on Fridays a large and interesting Bible class of adults. Here a Sunday School is regularly conducted by a few faithful teachers, but it is suffering much for the want

of books. At Opelika I have administered the Holy Communion 9 times, at Tallassee once, and at Cross Keys once. At Opelika, I report 10 communicants; the baptism of 2 children and 1 adult—2 confirmed, and 2 funerals. At Cross Keys I have baptised 1 infant, and there are at that place 6 communicants. At Tallassee I have baptised 1 adult. We have here 9 communicants. At Anburn there has been 1 child baptised and 1 person confirmed. At the latter place there are 4 communicants. At Tuskegee there are 8 communicants.

C. S. HEDGES, of the Diocese of Louisiana.

REPORT OF REV. W. D. CHRISTIAN.

Since the meeting of the last Council I have been employed in officiating on two or more plantations in Perry and Marengo Counties. On Mr. Lee Walthall's plantation I have baptised twenty-seven (27) children and have also some candidates for confirmation awaiting the visitation of the Bishop.

HAMNER HALL, MONTGOMERY, ALA.—Rev. J. AVERY SHEPHERD, Rector.

The Rector would respectfully report that the success of this Institution has been such as to afford great cause for thankfulness. Notwithstanding the unsettled state of the country, the number of applications for admission has greatly exceeded those of any preceding year. Ninety-nine pupils have been received during the present session, while many in the boarding department have been declined on account of the impracticability, at the high cost of all things, of providing for them suitable accommodations. The general improvement of the pupils and the tone of scholarship has been of a most encouraging character. All diligence will be given to render Hamner Hall, through the blessing of Providence, an Institution, unsurpassed by any in the land, for a high standard of moral and intellectual training. Amongst the confirmations in St. John's Church during the present session four young ladies were members of the household at Hamner Hall.

MISSION TO THE NEGROES IN THE CANEBRAKE.

FAUNSDALE, Marengo County, May 4th, 1864.

RT. REV. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Right Reverend Father—An entire year's labors in the field, to which you assigned me, are covered in the following Report:

Six stations were undertaken, each to be served twice a month, making the aggregate of twelve monthly services; viz: at the plantations of Harris Tinker, (his sister and brother uniting theirs,) R. B. Waller, Frank S. Lyon, the two estates of Isaac Croom, dec'd, and Fawnsdale Chapel.

No exertion has been spared to make these services punctual. In the several points 132 have been celebrated.

Only of Fawnsdale Chapel may a systematic report be given, to wit:

Baptisms—Infants 6, Adults 10,.....	Total, 16
Confirmations,.....	20
Funerals,....	3
Marriages,.....	2
Commnnions celebrated,.....	9
Communicants,.....	57
Snsponded and put to open penance,.....	1

In this Chapel, the high Festivals and Fasts of the Chnrch, occurring during the week days, are duly kept, as well as all National days. When, as on all Sunday services, also, one rule prevails: none are allowed to be absent. Only a certain portion, as yet, attend the daily morning service in Lent.

To develop a sense of religious individuality and responsibility, god-fathers and mothers for infants are allowed only from among the *negroes*. The practice is proving fruitful in cheering results.

Experience has evolved the necessity of selecting two or three in the congregation to perform an important subsidiary part to the Minister, of both watching over the communicants, and aiding him to reach others. Thus far its practical working has developed a greater measure of success than was promised by anticipation.

Into its proper culture, this field invites the penitential system of the ancient Church, to its full extent. And with the relations existing, nothing is easier to be introduced. So far as I have yet attempted its use, it promises to be a most wholesome help in restraining the grosser tendencies of a gross people.

It must be seen, that the personal supervision required to set such machinery to work, and to keep it working, requires more time on the part of the Minister than I have yet been able to command, except in the Chapel under my immediate eye. And it is hence only here where I may reasonably hope to hew out a *model* in this vast field of materials.

I will not attempt to utter the eager yearnings of my soul to push this work on, to extend it far and near over this Africanized America. Nor would I dare shrink from any amount of such labor put on me. But I beg leave to suggest, that the habitual practice of three services a Sunday is a questionable mode of expedition. Too much may be undertaken in any work for success. The pastoral turn that might be given to Sunday labors is wholly out of the question; essential as it is in this work. And there is no other day but Sunday for it. Even the services have to be hurried often beyond the point of devout composure. Besides this, my special field, I have been able, in week-days and 5th Sundays of the month, to give 23 services and sermons and 4 Holy Communion to white congregations. Dayton has occupied me with a service and sermon every Friday in Lent, besides once a month during the remainder of the year,

Obediently,

W. A. STICKNEY, *Presbyter.*

POST CHAPLAINCY, TALLADEGA, May 2, 1864.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir :—I hereby make the following Report from Talladega, in connection with my Chaplaincy C. S. A.

Funerals—White 23; Colored 1,	Total, 24
Baptism—Infants,	6
Marriages—White,	1
Confirmations,	3
There are Communicants, connected with this Post of the Army and otherwise—	
added 3, added by removal since last report 4, removed 7, stricken off 1—	
present number.	31
Communion Alms,	\$111 10
Devoted to needy persons.	98 00
Balance on hand,	13 10
Collected at Bishop's visitation for Diocesan Missions and paid over to Bishop,	80 00
Weekly offertory since 1st February, 1864,	100 05

The undersigned hereby acknowledges his indebtedness to the Rev. T. A. Cook, for services rendered through the year, at various times, and especially during his sickness in the month of January.

Besides the performance of his duties for the year past, as Chaplain of this Post, the undersigned has occasionally visited Jacksonville where he celebrated the Holy Communion at every visit.

He also visited Gen. Martin's Division of Cavalry, near Oxford, where he read service and preached to a large congregation of the army. He has also been able to meet all demands made upon him for services, such as the administration of baptism and burying the dead, in the surrounding country.

Since the adoption of the weekly offertory, there has been a very perceptible increase in the congregations attending our service.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. J. NICHOLSON, *Post Chaplain C. S. A.*

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, GAINESVILLE.—Rev. A. F. DOBB, Missionary.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 1,.....	Total, 3
Confirmations—White,.....	7
Marriages—White	1
Funerals—White	1
Communicants—White, at last report, 9; added, 7; died 1; present No.....	15
Communion Administered,.....	3
Communion Offerings,.....	\$ 21 75
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....	102 60
Weekly offertory, from Advent to 1st May, inclusive.....	84 55
Library Books,	350

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eleven months.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

Baptisms—Infants,.....	2
Communicants—Added, 1; died, 1; present No.....	12

Part of last year Rev. J. J. NICHOLSON, Post Chaplain, at Talladega, visited our Parish once a month, administering the Holy Communion.

Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, in Deacon's Orders, a refugee from Nashville, officiated from July to Christmas, when he accepted a call from Canton, Miss.

Since, we have only had Morning Prayer in the Church, every Sunday, with a regular and punctual attendance of the children for Catechism.

JNO. D. HOKE, Warden.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.—Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 1; colored, infants, 2,.....	Total, 3
Marriages—Colored,.....	3
Confirmations—White,.....	3
Funerals—White,.....	4
Communicants,	11
Communion Administered,.....	11
Communion Offerings,.....	\$ 74 60
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....	78 60
Church purposes generally,.....	115 00
Thank-offerings for Widows' and Orphans' Society,.....	30 00

Services, 2d and 4th Sundays, in each month. Time spent in the Parish, twelve months.

GRACE CHURCH, ST. STEPHENS.

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Dear Sir—In compliance with your request, as the surviving Vestryman of Grace Church Parish, I herewith submit the following:

Since the removal of the Rev. Mr. MENZIES, in 1858, to another field of labor, we have not been favored with the services or ministrations of the Church until recently, by a visit from Rev. GEO. W. STICKNEY, who has celebrated Divine Service and administered the Sacraments, much to the gratification of ourselves and the community generally.

As there is considerable interest manifested at this time, and a number who await to be confirmed, it is hoped that it will be in your power, at an early date, to visit us. The following report is annexed:

Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infants, 3; Colored, adult, 1,.....	Total, 7
Communicants—White, 7; Colored, 2,.....	Total, 9

Very respectfully, yours, &c.

L. J. WILSON, Vestryman.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CAMDEN.—Rev. W. J. PERDUE, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants, 2; Colored, infants 3,.....	Total, 5
Confirmations—White, 13; colored, 2,.....	Total, 15
Marriages,	1
Funerals,	1
Communicants,	12
Communion Administered,.....	6
Sunday School—Teachers, 1; Scholars, 7,.....	Total, 8
Communion Offerings,.....	\$40 15
Collections—Diocesan Missions.....	79 20

Time spent in the Parish since last report, twelve months.

REMARKS.—This Parish has suffered much during the last eighteen months, from deaths and removals. Two gentlemen, who had been among its firmest friends and most liberal supporters from its foundation, have died; also a most estimable female communicant, who with her husband and children, were the first persons ever baptised by an Episcopal Minister in Wilcox County.

At Claiborne, where I officiate one Sunday in each month, there are five communicants.

Payments at meeting of the Council of the Diocese of Alabama, held in Montgomery, May 5th to 7th, 1864.

	Bishop's Salary.	Contingent Fund.
Christ Church, Mobile,.....	\$700 00	\$70 00
Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,.....	275 00	27 50
St. John's Church, Montgomery,.....	480 00	48 00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....	250 00	25 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,.....	100 00	10 00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....	90 00	9 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....	170 00	17 00
St. John's in the Prairies, Greene County,.....	50 00	5 00
St. James' Church, Livingston,.....	40 00	4 00
St. Mark's Church, Greene County,.....	40 00	4 00
St. Paul's Church, Carlownville,.....	50 00	5 00
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,.....	40 00	4 00
St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,.....	75 00	7 50
St. David's Church, Dallas County,.....	100 00	10 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis,.....	75 00	7 50
St. James' Church, Eufaula,.....	35 00	3 50
Trinity Church, Mobile,	200 00	20 00
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,.....	60 00	6 00
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,.....	25 00	2 50
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County,	100 00	10 00
St. John's Church, Mobile,.....	150 00	15 00
St. Mary's Church, Camden,.....	40 00	4 00
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',.....	20 00	2 00
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville,.....	30 00	3 00
Calvary Church, Choctaw County,.....	10 00	1 00
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville,.....	10 00	1 00
	<u>\$3,215 00</u>	<u>\$321 50</u>

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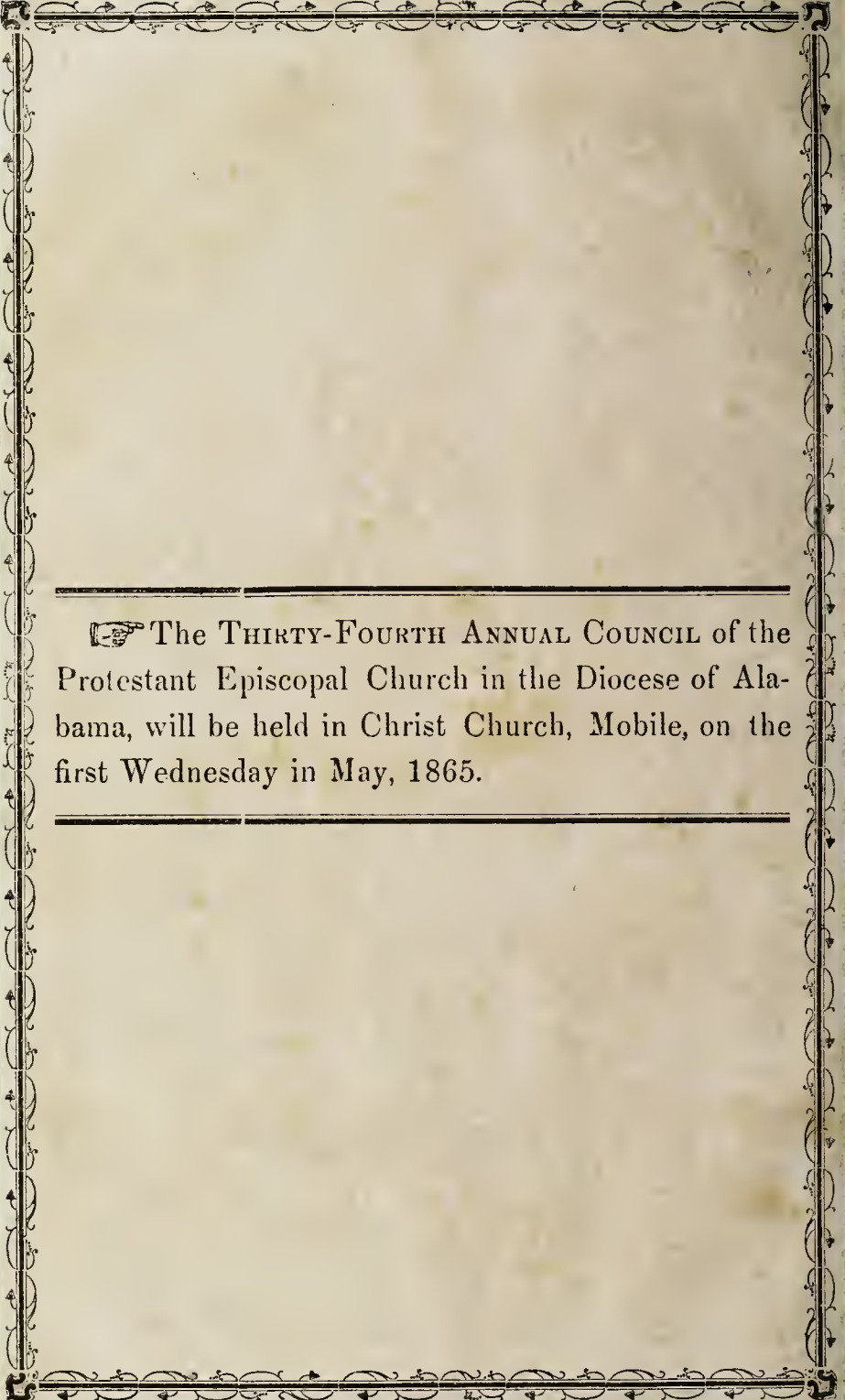
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.


WE, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of ——— Church, ———, ——— County, and State of Alabama, and by so doing adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States of America.

Agreeably to Canon XI, 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Parish of ——— Church, ———.

CERTIFICATE OF DEPUTIES.

This certifies that at a meeting of the Vestry of ——— Church, ———, held on ——— day of ———, A, B and C, were duly elected Lay Deputies to represent the same in Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, to the ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord ———. *Canon I., § 5,*



 The THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COUNCIL of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, will be held in Christ Church, Mobile, on the first Wednesday in May, 1865.
